

above and beyond pre-earthquake conditions. Now we are seeing an ugly rise of violence against the most vulnerable.

We in Congress, along with our international partners, must stand up now to take bold action on ensuring that women and girls in Haiti are no longer targets of that violence. We need to make sure that women's rights in Haiti are protected in every capacity during and after reconstruction.

We have committed ourselves and our resources to helping to rebuild Haiti. We cannot deliver on that promise if women's security is at risk. Full participation and empowerment of women in rebuilding and development processes are key components for success in Haiti, and this depends on ensuring their safety now.

SKIP KHAMVONGSA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2010*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Skip Khmavongsa who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Skip Khmavongsa is a 7th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Skip Khmavongsa is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Skip Khmavongsa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO CARL STANLEY  
"STAN" BEGLEY

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Carl Stanley "Stan" Begley of Grays Creek, Kentucky, who was an inspiration to thousands of young aspiring athletes, a tenacious business operator and supporter of the coal industry and a savvy political advisor in southeastern Kentucky.

Even a devastating 6-year battle with cancer didn't stop Stan Begley from enjoying his lifelong passions during his illness. The greatest thrill of his life was helping others succeed. As an avid sports fan and former local high school basketball star in Buckhorn, Kentucky, Stan's drive to live carried on through his involvement in little league sports. He was more than a little league coach. Stan provided shoes if necessary, transportation and friendship to youngsters who needed a true role model.

As a young man, Stan got involved in the operations of his stepfather's trucking business and would later become the operator of Virgil Raleigh Coal. Stan also became a local political advisor, realizing the positive impact he could influence on a larger scale through leadership. Only months before he passed, Stan braved 90-degree heat to attend two coal rallies in an effort to protect the industry he loved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Stan Begley for dedicating a lifetime of service to the youth and families of eastern Kentucky.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER  
MARY CELINE GRAHAM: "A  
WOMAN OF COMPASSION AND  
FAITH"

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved member of our community, Sister Mary Celine Graham, whose mass will be celebrated tomorrow at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in her beloved Harlem. Her tragic and senseless death came as a result of a horrific accident and has left behind a deeply felt void within the Handmaids of Mary of the Most Pure Heart family and the greater Harlem community. The Handmaids of Mary have a special place in my heart going back to my youth, and the loss of Sister Mary Celine is especially profound.

Sister Mary Celine was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Detroit. At the age of 22, she joined the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Harlem, which is one of only three historically black orders of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States. She continued to share her love and services with her community for the next 61 years.

Her death at the age of 83 leaves behind a great legacy of tireless service and devotion to those who needed her. Sister Mary Celine is remembered as a woman of true compassion who believed in education for the young. She dedicated her life to being a teacher, director, and surrogate grandmother to the children of St. Benedict's Day Nursery on 124th Street at Marcus Garvey Park.

As the New York Times reported last week, Sister Mary Celine left an indelible mark on the children she cared for and educated. She was a gently firm yet caring teacher who recognized the potential in each individual and worked to bring that potential to fruition. Sister Mary Celine was not only an educator but was also a loving mother figure to the children. These children not only learned the basics of reading and numbers but also learned what it was to love, and what it was to serve others.

The undivided attention and care she poured out to the children and the community will be forever etched in the hearts of all those that encountered her. She was a true kindred spirit that emanated a sense of peace and order.

Madam Speaker, although her life was taken from us too abruptly, rather than mourn this tragedy, I hope that my colleagues will join me in remembering and celebrating the

tremendous and loving spirit of Sister Mary Celine Graham—one of God's special angels who served Harlem at the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

## A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 13, 2010*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker. I rise today to introduce a bill to clarify that the federal government, like private citizens and corporations, must take responsibility for the pollution it produces. This bill will clarify that the federal government has a responsibility to pay fees assessed by local governments for managing polluted stormwater runoff from federal properties.

Recently, the Government Accountability Office issued letters to federal agencies in the District of Columbia that instructed them not to pay the District of Columbia's Water and Sewer Authority's, D.C. Water's, Impervious Area Charge. D.C. Water calculates the charges based on the amount of impervious land occupied by the landowner. Impervious surfaces, such as roofs, parking lots, sidewalks and other hardened surfaces are the major contributors to stormwater runoff entering the sewer system and local rivers, lakes and streams, which causes significant amounts of pollutants to enter these waters.

D.C. Water's Impervious Area Charge simply is to defray the cost of reducing water pollution caused by stormwater runoff. In fact, D.C. Water's fees are the result of a federal mandate to reduce sewer overflows from excess stormwater and to improve water quality in local waters, such as the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. It is, therefore, unfair, at best, for the federal government to turn around and refuse to pay these fees. Moreover, it is contrary to President Obama's commitment to preserve the Chesapeake Bay and the Anacostia River, as outlined in Executive Order 13508, which I have applauded many times.

When I looked into this issue further, I found that at least nine states faced the same issue of federal agencies refusing to pay the local fees associated with controlling the stormwater pollution originating from their properties. Surely, the federal government understands that these local governments still must cover the cost of managing the pollution from federal properties. So, in effect, what the federal government is doing is passing on that cost to already financially burdened citizens. In a city such as the District of Columbia, where nearly a quarter of the land is owned by the federal government and still more is leased by the federal government, the refusal by the federal government to pay these fees will impose substantial and burdensome costs on individual citizens.

It is important that we continue to work to improve the quality of our waters. Reducing pollution and improving water quality in the District has been a priority for me. My bill to secure funding for the Anacostia River cleanup plan became law in 2007 and the plan was released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April. Additionally, my bill to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to make